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5 mos.**Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

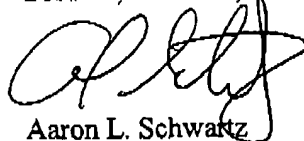
It is hereby requested that the period for filing a reply after filing notice of appeal on April 21, 2003, be extended five months (a two-month extension fee of \$410.00 having been paid on August 21, 2003) by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,600.00 for a five-month extension for a large entity (\$2,010.00 minus the \$410.00 already paid). Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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